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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF RTG REFUGEE DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON

1. SUMMARY: A HIGH-RANKING DELEGATION OF RTG OFFICIALS,  
TRAVELING TO LATIN AMERICA TO LOOK INTO RESETTLEMENT THERE

FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, WILL BE PASSING THROUGH WASHINGTON  
IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE REQUEST APPOINTMENTS WITH DEPART-  
MENT, NSC, INS, AND VOLUNTARY AGENCY OFFICIALS.  
END SUMMARY.

2. THE RTG GROUP WILL CONSIST OF THREE PERSONS: WINYU  
ANGKHANARAK, UNDERSECRETARY OF INTERIOR; DIRECTOR GENERAL  
DAMRONG SUNTHONSISARATHUN OF INTERIOR'S DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATION; AND AN AS YET UNNAMED OFFICIAL FROM THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WINYU AND DAMRONG ARE THE  
TWO MOST INFLUENTIAL CAREER OFFICIALS IN THE EXTREMELY  
POWERFUL INTERIOR MINISTRY. BOTH MEN ARE OF KEY IMPORT-  
ANCE IN IMPLEMENTING THAI REFUGEE POLICY.

3. THE PRESENT, TENTATIVE PLAN, WHICH HAS ALREADY UNDER-  
GONE SEVERAL REVISIONS, IS THAT THE GROUP WOULD STOP IN  
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WASHINGTON JUNE 7 AND 8 AFTER VISITS TO BOLIVIA AND  
BRAZIL WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY  
INTERNATIONAL. FHI IS UNDERWRITING TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR  
THAT PORTION OF THE TRIP, WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO EXPLORE  
LOCAL SETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDOCHINESE (PARTICU-  
LARLY HMONG) REFUGEES.

4. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, THE RTG DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES. IN THE DEPARTMENT WE RECOMMEND THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE OR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OAKLEY, RECEIVE THE DELEGATION. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS WITH INTERESTED NSC OFFICIALS. THE RT OFFICERS WISH TO MEET

WITH INS OFFICIALS, AND RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCY OFFICIALS ON THE MANNER IN WHICH THE US RESETTLEMENT OPERATES.

5. THE DELEGATION MAY WISH TO RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF USG FUNDING OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF REFUGEES FROM BANGKOK TO LA PAZ FOR THE PROPOSED FHI RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM IN BOLIVIA.

6. THE EMBASSY WILL CABLE THE CONFIRMED ITINERARY BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AND SUGGESTED DISCUSSION POINTS. WOULD HOPE WE COULD PROVIDE MOI WITH SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON BEFORE DELEGATION DEPARTS BANGKOK ABOUT MAY 29. AT MINIMUM WE WOULD LIKE NAME OF DEPARTMENT OFFICER WHO WOULD BE THEIR CONTACT POINT.  
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